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conference. The Review Panel shall disregard any variance from procedures specified in this part or elsewhere that would not materially have affected the outcome of the trial before the Commission. Within thirty days after receipt of the record of trial, the Review Panel shall either:

(i) Forward the case to the Secretary of Defense with a recommendation as to disposition, or

(ii) Return the case to the Appointing Authority for further proceedings, provided that a majority of the Review Panel has formed a definite and firm conviction that a material error of law occurred.

(5) *Review by the Secretary of Defense.* The Secretary of Defense shall review the record of trial and the recommendation of the Review Panel and either return the case for further proceedings or, unless making the final decision pursuant to a Presidential designation under section 4(c)(8) of the President's Military Order, forward it to the President with a recommendation as to disposition.

(6) *Final decision.* After review by the Secretary of Defense, the record of trial and all recommendations will be forwarded to the President for review and final decision (unless the President has designated the Secretary of Defense to perform this function). If the President has so designated the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary may approve or disapprove findings or change a finding of Guilty to a finding of Guilty to a lesser-included offense, or mitigate, commute, defer, or suspend the sentence imposed or any portion thereof. If the Secretary of Defense is authorized to render the final decision, the review of the Secretary of Defense under paragraph (h)(5) of this section shall constitute the final decision.

§ 9.7 Regulations.

(a) *Supplementary regulations and instructions.* The Appointing Authority shall, subject to approval of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense if the Appointing Authority is not the Secretary of Defense, publish such further regulations consistent with the President's Military Order and this part as are necessary or appro-

priate for the conduct of proceedings by Commissions under the President's Military Order. The General Counsel shall issue such instructions consistent with the President's Military Order and this part as the General Counsel deems necessary to facilitate the conduct of proceedings by such Commissions, including those governing the establishment of Commission-related offices and performance evaluation and reporting relationships.

(b) *Construction.* In the event of any inconsistency between the President's Military Order and this part, including any supplementary regulations or instructions issued under paragraph (a) of this section, the provisions of the President's Military Order shall govern. In the event of any inconsistency between this part and any regulations or instructions issued under paragraph (a) of this section, the provisions of this part shall govern.

§ 9.8 Authority.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to limit in any way the authority of the President as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces or the power of the President to grant reprieves and pardons. Nothing in this part shall affect the authority to constitute military commissions for a purpose not governed by the President's Military Order.

§ 9.9 Protection of State secrets.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to authorize disclosure of state secrets to any person not authorized to receive them.

§ 9.10 Other.

This part is not intended to and does not create any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable by any party, against the United States, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person. No provision in this part shall be construed to be a requirement of the United States Constitution. Section and subsection captions in this document are for convenience only and shall not be used in construing the requirements of this part. Failure to meet a time period specified in this

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part, or supplementary regulations or instructions issued under § 9.7(a), shall not create a right to relief for the Accused or any other person. DoD Directive 5025.1² shall not apply to this part or any supplementary regulations or instructions issued under § 9.7(a).

§ 9.11 Amendment.

The Secretary of Defense may amend this part from time to time.

§ 9.12 Delegation.

The authority of the Secretary of Defense to make requests for assistance under section 5 of the President's Military Order is delegated to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense. The Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense shall provide such assistance to the General Counsel as the General Counsel determines necessary for this purpose.

PART 10—MILITARY COMMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 113Id) and 140(b).

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§ 10.1 Purpose.

This part establishes policies for the issuance and interpretation of Military Commission Instructions promulgated pursuant to 32 CFR part 9, and Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism," (3 CFR, 2001 comp., p. 918, 66 FR 57833).

§ 10.2 Authority.

This part is issued pursuant to 32 CFR 9.7(a) and in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 113(d) and 140(b).

² Available from www.ditc.mil/whs/directives.

§ 10.3 Applicability.

This part, and, unless stated otherwise, all other Military Commission Instructions apply throughout the Department of Defense, including to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the Department of Defense Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense, to any special trial counsel of the Department of Justice who may be made available by the Attorney General of the United States to serve as a prosecutor in trials before military commissions pursuant to 32 CFR 9.4(b)(2), to any civilian attorney who seeks qualification as a member of the pool of qualified Civilian Defense Counsel authorized in 32 CFR 9.4(c)(3)(ii), and to any attorney who has been qualified as a member of that pool.

§ 10.4 Policies and procedures.

(a) *Promulgation.* Military Commission Instructions will be issued by the General Counsel of the Department of Defense (hereinafter General Counsel). Each Instruction will issue over the signature of the General Counsel and, unless otherwise specified therein, shall take effect upon the signature of the General Counsel. Instructions will be numbered in sequence.

(b) *Professional responsibility.* Compliance with these Instructions shall be deemed a professional responsibility obligation for the practice of law within the Department of Defense.

(c) *Compliance breaches.* Failure to adhere to these Instructions or any other failure to comply with any rule, regulation, or Instruction applicable to trials by military commission convened pursuant to 32 CFR part 9, and Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism," may be subject to appropriate action by the Appointing Authority, the General Counsel of the